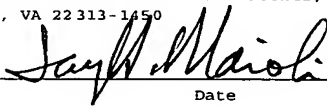


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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
 application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
 application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this
 Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
 claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 10 of this Amendment.